

board and be approved, I do know if they will or not, there was a specific thing that the power review felt was necessary for this to take place. What may happen, and I do not know if it will happen or not, but one of the possibilities of happening is that, in particular, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District would...may make a proposal that would expand representation into three counties that are directly affected by decisions made by that board. This would be a very positive step in public relations and communications between people and decision makings. In order to accomplish that there would need to be a statutes changed, particularly to affect Keith County and this would be Keith, Lincoln and Dawson Counties, or other counties. Again, depending on what Keith, what the Central Board does. The statute would basic...the statute change would simply be the following. It would say any public power district or public power and irrigation district owning an operation irrigation works may, and is a very permissive, they may if they so choose to do so, with approval of the Nebraska Power Review Board, so there is oversight, there would be hearings and there would be a decision made whether it was in the best interests and whether it was proper or not, add representation on its board of directors from any county which is outside its chartered territory but in which is located some or all of such irrigation works. This amendment, as agreed to, would create a statute that would allow possibilities of expanded communication and representation in power or irrigation districts and so on. It is very permissive. It is not...it is...it affects all areas of power and irrigation, power districts or public power and irrigation districts that would own irrigation works, but it basically says if they choose to they can and, if they choose to, they need to come up with a plan. They still would need to go to the Power Review Board. The Power Review Board would have posted the notices. They would have time for public comment. They would have the public hearings and then it would be ascertained whether it was proper or if it was obviously in the best interest. This is the amendment I would like to do. I have also put it in discussion with Senator Baack a Section 15, which would be a severability clause so that if there was a question that would arise later on it certainly would protect LB 573 in its present form. With that explanation, I would like to encourage the body to vote to suspend the rules so I'd be able to offer the amendment and I'd like to also say that this...I have been in close communications with the Central Board of Directors. Mr. Tim Anderson I know is, with their public relations, is out in the lobby and would